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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: PATRIOTIC FRONT'S POSITIONS
ON THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND WORK PROGRAM

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DOCUMENTS WHICH THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT GAVE TO THE BRITISH ON NOVEMBER 30.

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PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE

TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

- (A) THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST BE THE REAL BASIS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. IT MUST HAVE A CLEAR MAJORITY OF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT, ONE OF WHOM WILL BE THE PRIME MINISTER.
- (B) THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST HAVE FULL LEGISLATIVE AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE POWERS.
- (C) DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST BE BY SIMPLE MAJORITY SAVE ON MATTERS WHERE THE INTERIM CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS OR OTHER SPECIAL MAJORITY.
- (D) THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT MINISTERS MUST CONTROL ALL THE MINISTRIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PROCESSES.

2. RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

- (A) BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DECONOLIZE SOUTHERN RHODESIA REQUIRES THAT THERE BE A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ANSWERABLE TO BRITAIN.
- (B) THE FUNCTIONS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL FORMAL FUNCTIONS OF A GOVERNOR IN A DEPENDENT TERRITORY BUT WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS ON HIS POWERS TO MEET THE EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.
- (C) IN ANY EXERCISE OF DISCRETION THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WILL ACT ARE THAT INDEPENDENCE MUST COME IN THE MANNER AND WITHIN THE TIME PLANNED, AND THAT IN THE INTERIM PERIOD THERE MUST BE GOOD AND ORDERLY GOVERNMENT. IN SHORT, HE MUST BE CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF ENSURING FULL AND PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENT.

PATRIOTIC FRONT
TIME-TABLE FOR THE CONFERENCE

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6. FIXING OF THE EXACT DATE OF INDEPENDENCE 20 DEC.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS 20 DEC.

GENEVA, 30 NOVEMBER, 1976.

2. THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FRONT'S SKELETAL OUTLINE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND WHAT CHONA SAID WOULD BE CONTAINED IN THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION. WE ARE CLEARLY AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE TALKS AND THE DISCREPANCY MAY BE MORE APPARENT THAN REAL. THE BRISITH TELL ME AND I AGREE THAT WHEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REFERS TO A GOVERNMENT DRAWN FROM MEMBERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THEY HAVE IN MIND NO MORE THAN A SYMBOLIC ROLE FOR MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE. CATTO.
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